Cultivation of lands lying fallow.

47 *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether, in view of the great difficulty in importing rice and other food stuff into Travancore, on account of the present war situation, they have taken any action to encourage cultivation of lands lying fallow and fit for cultivation of food crops; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*a*) and (*b*). The officers of the Department of Agriculture have been carrying on propaganda among agriculturists on the necessity of augmenting our food production, and inducing them to adopt methods of intensive farming with a view to obtain the maximum yield from their lands.

MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): May I know from Government whether additional lands have been brought under cultivation for the current year?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, Sir; a small area has been brought under cultivation.

MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH: May I know the extent of that land?

MR. K R. NARAYANA AIYAR: About 200 acres in North Travancore under the Lift Irrigation scheme.

Petrol Rationing.

48 *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have amended the rule issued by them to say that one unit denoting a petrol coupon is only half a gallon, in view of the later change made in British India to the effect that one unit is equivalent to one gallon?

MR. C KUMARA DAS (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Construction of a dam and a lock across the thodu in Vengoor pakuthy.

49. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any application from wet land owners in Kunnatnad taluk praying for the construction of a dam and a lock, under the Minor Irrigation rules, across the thodu in S. No. 842/1 of Vengoor pakuthy;

(*b*) whether they have made any local inspection;

(*c*) whether any action was taken thereon; and

(*d*) if so, at what stage is it?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) A detailed estimate for Rs. 3,015 was prepared but the work could not be taken up as the majority of land owners were not willing to pay any cess as required by the Irrigation rules.

(*d*) This does not arise in view of the answer given to part (*c*) above.

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MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: പാർട്ട് സി. വസ്തു ഉമേസ്ഥന്മാരിൽ ശ്രദ്ധിച്ചിട്ടുവും ഇറിഗേഷൻ സെസ്സ് കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനു സമ്മതമില്ലാത്തവരാണെന്നു പറയുന്നു. ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി വല്ല നടപടിയും നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: റവന്യൂ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്നും അന്വേഷണം നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Village Office of the Rayamangalam Pakuthi.

50. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN (*Kunnatnad cum Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the authorities have received any application for shifting the Rayamangalam Pakuthi Cutcherry in Kunnatnad taluk from its present site to a central place of the said pakuthi;

(*b*) if so, whether they have made any enquiry thereon; and

(*c*) if so, at what stage is it at present?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI. (*a*) Yes. A petition was received by the Land Revenue Commissioner.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The petition has been recorded.

Lady Clerks in the Anchal Department.

51. *MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of lady clerks now employed in the Anchal Department?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The statement is laid on the table.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery cum Peermade*): ഇപ്പോഴവസാനമായത്തിൽനിന്നും ചില ലേഡി ക്ലാർക്കിനെ നിയമിച്ചതായി കാണുന്നു. അവരുടെ പേരുകൾ ദയവു പ്രസ്താവിക്കുമോ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: They are P. K. Narayani, P. M. Sarada, and C. K. Gourikutti.

MR PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഗൌരിക്കുട്ടി എന്ന യുവതി സ്റ്റേറ്റ് കാൺഗ്രസ്സിൽ പങ്കെടുത്ത ഒരുത്തിയാണെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു അറിയാമോ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No Sir.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: അപ്രകാരം സ്റ്റേറ്റ് കാൺഗ്രസ്സിൽ പങ്കെടുത്തവരാരാണെന്നും പങ്കെടുക്കാത്തവരാരാണെന്നും ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു ബോദ്ധ്യം ഇല്ല എന്നാണോ ഈ മറുപടിയിൽനിന്നു ഞാൻ മനസ്സിലാക്കേണ്ടതു?

*Vide Appendix I.

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